

# MICHIGAN TRUCK SAFETY COMMISSION **MTSC**

**January 9, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**

## **Commissioners Present**

Dr. Dan Blower, Chair  
Michael Prince  
Michelle Taylor  
James Fackler  
Sharon Conklin  
Jill Skutar  
Capt. Mike Krumm

## **Commissioners Absent**

Dave Goller  
Tim Yungfer  
Charles Moser  
Amanda Williams

## **Guests**

Michelle Zemla  
Brandon Cannon- MDOS  
Jeff Daniel- Shelby Twp. PD  
Insp. Randy Coplin

## **OHSP Staff**

Mallory Fox  
Spencer Simmons  
Charlotte Kilvington  
Anne Readett

## **ROLL CALL**

The Michigan Truck Safety Commission meeting was called to order by Dr. Blower, Chair, at 9:01 a.m.

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Self-introductions were made by those present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Fackler made a motion to approve the October 31, 2018, meeting minutes. The motion was supported by Captain Krumm. The motion carries.

## **STANDING REPORTS**

### A. Chair's Report — Dr. Dan Blower

Recently attended a CSA (Compliance Safety & Accountability) Committee meeting held by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in Boston where they presented on new a new system to identify unsafe carrier methods. New methodology is being tested and will hopefully be implemented soon. Once finalized, it should prove to be very important throughout the trucking industry.

### B. Commissioners' Perspectives

Sharon Conklin—

- West Michigan Safety Council; meeting January 15 at Uccello's in Grand Rapids (5 p.m.). Lt. Holder will be speaking and discussing CVED updates.

Michael Prince—

- As of now, crash fatalities are trending down as new crash reports come in.
- Gearing up for OHSP Traffic Safety Summit that will be held in March.
- Already gearing up for summer campaigns and FY20 planning.
- Asked Charlotte Kilvington to give a quick update on TACT grants
  - TACT grants are all on schedule
  - Currently setting up meetings with Brogan and law enforcement partners for grant contacts.
  - I-94 is still the target location

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- With marijuana legalization, there is a lot of activity regarding schedules. Currently, there are 138 DRE's and another class is starting in a couple weeks. During the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) school, 2 Advance Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) classes will be taking place as well. Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM) is also running workshops around the state.
- The public education piece to the marijuana legalization is being looked at on a state-wide level to determine what needs to take place to better reach the general public.

Captain Krumm—

- Mention of division retirements and new hires.
- Year End reports are being finished up.
- Human Traffic Awareness push for next month.

James Fackler—

- Moving along with the transition of new leaderships and new staff.
- Regardless of changes, the new computers system is still to be launched 6 weeks from now.
- The new administration has a desire to look at current Michigan driver education.
- Was able to resolve issue on truck registration during lame duck, keeping 1/3 of funds for commission.

Jill Skutar—

- MTA Safety Award Banquet on March 26, 2019. Captain Krumm will be guest speaker.

C. Financial Report — Mr. Spencer Simmons — OHSP

The State of Michigan is not official closeout for the fiscal year. The report given is through the end of November.

Total Revenues:

- Received/Expended YTD- \$218,323
- Annual Budget- \$2,909,000
- Remaining Budget- \$ 2,690,768
- % Received/Expended YTD- 7.50%

Total Expenditures:

- Received/Expended YTD – \$94,911
- Annual Budget – \$2,989,499
- Remaining Budget – \$2,894,588
- % Received/Expended YTD – 3.17%

Excess of Revenues over Expenditures:

- Received/Expended YTD – \$123,321
- Annual Budget – (\$80,499)
- Remaining Budget – (\$203,820)

Fund Balance:

- \*Total Beginning Fund Balance YTD- \$3,676,103
- Total Beginning Fund Balance for Annual Budget- \$3,676,103
- Ending Fund Balance YTD- \$3,799,424
- Ending Fund Balance for Annual Budget- \$3,595,604

\*2019 Beginning Balance subject to change after State of Michigan (SOM) closeout is completed.  
\*\$62,199 from Truck Safety Fund to support Miscellaneous Operating Project (MOP) for MCDD, 2018 Ending Balance.

For purposes of the AER, it was decided that finalization of the numbers will be held off until the SOM closes out its fiscal year so the published numbers will be accurate and up to date.

#### D. Enforcement Grant Activity – Insp. Randy Coplin — CVED

CVED has received a grant that pertains to three main objectives

- 13,500 hours to be used to reduce serious crashes involving CMV's
- 750 hours of overtime to be used for summer months as traffic volumes pick up
- Part of the funds will go towards a motor carrier recruit school scheduled for June 2019

Thus far, 1,700 hours have been used out of the 13,500 and has resulted in 900 stops and 500 inspections. Compared to FY18, numbers have been reduced from 22 to 18 and fatal crashes have gone from 3,685 to 3,271.

CMV crashes are 4% of all crashes and 11% of all fatal crashes, hoping this grant will help close that gap.

#### E. Education Grant Activity — Mr. Michelle Zemla — Michigan Center for Truck Safety

Year-to-date statistics were presented for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.

- Goal #1 – Provide new entrant safety management to 75 motor carriers; 28%
- Goal #2 – Provide driver performance measurement (DPM) evaluations to 100 drivers; 15%
- Goal #3 – Provide national safety council defensive driving for professional truck drivers (PTD) to 300 individuals; 15%
- Goal #4 – Provide simulator training to 500 drivers and provide demonstrations to 1,200 individuals; 11%/35%
- Goal #5 – Provide online fatigue training to 300 individuals; 0%
- Goal #6 – Provide various safety seminars to 2,000 individuals; 22%
- Goal #7 – Provide phone technical assistance (incoming/outgoing calls); n/a
- Goal #8 – Distribute truck driver's guidebook (TDG); 25,589 to date (no numerical goal set)
- Goal #9 – Increase social media and outreach; no numerical goal set- Staff continue to update Facebook with regulation updates, tips, and events.

There have been three new hires at the center; Currently meeting demands for the simulator but would like to work more in the UP; Online fatigue training has been implemented into the defensive driving course with the tablets and will begin to be implemented into the simulator program as well.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### A. Research Items

Dr. Blower had sent out a survey to commissioners to vote on potential research projects that the MTSC would be interested in funding. Topics included:

- #1 Understanding Driver Shortage & Possible Interventions
- #2 Driver Distraction & Truck Crashes
- #3 Marijuana Legalization and the Impacts
- #4 Crash Accountability
- #5 Effects of Crash Avoidance

Voting resulted in an interest in #1 and #2. Decided that each project would get \$125,000.00- no official vote.

Understanding Driver Shortage & Possible Interventions:

Questions to be asked:

- What do we want to get out of these projects?
- How severe are the circumstances?
- Has anyone solved, or attempted to solve this problem already?
- What can be done about it?
- Main Goal: When writing the RFP, we want actions that can be implemented.

Officer Daniel mentioned that Eastern Michigan University recently had a presentation on the shortage and retention of drivers and the effects it has had on the industry. It is known that the industry and its drivers have changed significantly in the past 25 years- pay has gone down, drivers are less happy.

Ms. Skutar brought up the question of how many college educated people have switch career paths and are now driving trucks to make money?

Distracted Driving & Truck Crashes

- Is traffic violation coding effecting this information?
- Should the public education piece be more easily obtained?
- Though there is surveying for seat belts and hand held cell phones, there is not a survey for all types of distracted driving.

Consensus was this process will take longer than the 9 months that is left in this fiscal year, so we are looking at this being an FY20 project/grant.

Approximately 10:20am, a motion was put forth by Mr. Mike Price to call a vote on the approval of starting the RFP process for funding research projects regarding driver shortage and distracted driving at \$125,000.00 per project. Captain Krumm seconded the motion. (Voting results listed below.)

Y	N	COMMISSIONER	
X		1.	Dr. Daniel Blower, Chair
		2.	Mr. Tim Yungfer, Vice Chair
X		3.	Mr. James Fackler
X		4.	Ms. Sharon Conklin
		5.	Mr. Dave Goller
X		6.	Ms. Jill Skutar
X		7.	Capt. Mike Krumm
		8.	Mr. Charles Moser
		9.	Ms. Amanda Williams
X		10.	Mr. Michael Prince
		11.	Ms. Michelle Taylor

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Skid Pad Project Update/Funding

Site is currently configured with the overlay of certain wetlands. Currently working on how many acres need to be mitigated. The parking lot owned by another agency that is within close proximity is still an option.

Mike Prince let commission know that Joel will be meeting with people from the wetlands this week and will have an update soon.

Dr. Blower sent the commission a draft of his argument to the agency in hopes that they will negotiate to let this project take use of the parking lot. Committee has received sketches of the plan for the out building and plan- look good.

Once legislative committee chairs have been assigned, there will be a plan in place to meet with those who are relevant to this project and possibly funding.

Ideas:

- Letters of support from various agencies, associations and committees.
- Have a group go in together to meet with legislators.
- Possibly meet with Senator Stamas and Representative Cole- possible interest
- OHSP suggested doing a graphic sheet with the appropriate information to give to possible interested parties.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, March 13, 2019, Michigan Center for Truck Safety

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.